

SENATE BILL 995

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201, relative to the selection of faculty and student members of the board of regents.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(3)(D) in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

Beginning July 1, 2017, two (2) members, appointed by the governor, shall be current faculty members at a community college or college of applied technology governed by the board of regents, who served as faculty senate president or the equivalent during the academic year immediately preceding appointment as a regent. One (1) faculty member shall be a voting member and one (1) faculty member shall be a nonvoting member to allow a faculty member to serve one (1) year as a nonvoting member before becoming the voting member. The voting positions shall rotate among the institutions governed by the board of regents. Beginning July 1, 2017, the voting member shall be from a college of applied technology, and the nonvoting member shall be from a community college. The voting and nonvoting members shall each serve a one-year term. On July 1, 2018, the previous nonvoting member from a community college shall become the voting member, and a new nonvoting member from a college of applied technology shall be appointed. Thereafter, the voting and nonvoting positions shall rotate between the community colleges and the colleges of applied technology. The board of regents shall adopt a process ensuring that the position of faculty regent rotates among all of the institutions in the system.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201(b), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting the following:

(b)

(1) One (1) member of the board shall be a student who shall be appointed annually by the governor from a list of three (3) nominees selected and submitted no later than the month of April by the presidents of the student government associations or the equivalent of all state colleges of applied technology and community colleges.

(2) The student member shall serve for a term of one (1) year, commencing on July 1 following the member's appointment by the governor, and must retain status as a full-time student in good standing in an institution governed by the board of regents for the duration of the student's term on the board, except that a student member who graduates during his or her term as regent may complete that term.

(3) The student regent nominees shall be selected in accordance with the following provisions:

(A)

(i) One (1) nominee shall be enrolled at the time of nomination as a full-time student at a community college governed by the board of regents;

(ii) One (1) nominee shall be enrolled at the time of nomination as a full-time student at a college of applied technology;

(iii) One (1) nominee shall be enrolled at the time of nomination as a full-time student at any community college or college of applied technology governed by the board of regents,

provided that neither of the other two (2) nominees is enrolled at the same institution;

(B) All nominees for the position of student regent shall be residents of this state; and

(C) A majority of the presidents of the student government associations or the equivalent of all state colleges of applied technology and community colleges governed by the board of regents shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business of the nomination. A two-thirds ($2/3$) vote of the quorum shall be required to effect all nominations.

(4) The chancellor of the board of regents, or the chancellor's designee, shall notify all presidents of student government associations or the equivalent at institutions governed by the board of regents of the necessity for the conference described in this subsection (b).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.